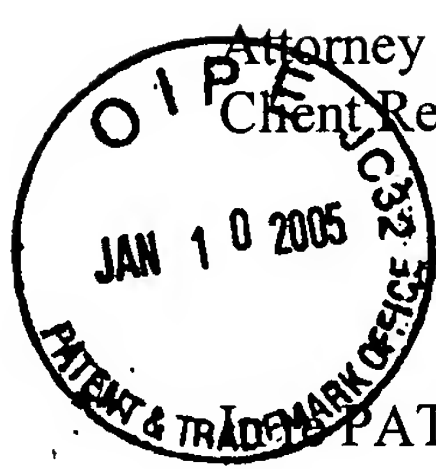


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Responsive to the Office Action dated August 11, 2004, the time for reply having been extended to January 11, 2005, by concurrent petition for extension of time and payment of fee, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below.

The **pending claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins at page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 12 of this paper.